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Beginning of chat (chatroom created Sun Feb 10 15:38:19 2008 GMT)

Beth Holmes: Hi, Vicki - I'm just testing.

Vicki Davis: Feel free to ask questions and become familiar with this room. My students will be facilitating the backchannel and "feeding" me questions as I present

Gillian: i'm in guys

Tayler: loud and clear

Tayler: www.flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com

Casey: no www.

Casey: just flatclassroom.wikispaces.com

Casey: Hello jwindsor!

jwindsor: Good morning Casey

katie: <http://flatclassroomproject2006.wikispaces.com/>

katie: this is the 2006 flat classroom project

Gillian: this is the link to my flat classroom project groups page. this has each members video and also our final wiki page. <http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com/Connecting+the+World+Online>

Mitch: Mitch is in the Game

Tayler: clap clap clap

Gillian: mrs. vicki's blog: <http://coolcatteacher.blogspot.com/>

Gillian: qatar on wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Qatar>

Mitch: Cupcakes are amazing

Mitch: Ban Cupcakes, are you serious

Tayler: the iphone for example

Tayler: i use google weather every morning

Casey: I love google.

Mitch: Online Videos www.youtube.com

Tayler: text weather and location to google (466-45)

Tayler: will return a 3 day forecast

Tayler: temp. and precipitation forecast

Mitch: Web 2.0 tools include Google, Wikipedia, and Ask Jeeves

Tayler: mrs. vicki gives many many lectures, including many life lessons

Gillian: yes i can science: <http://www.yesican-science.ca/>

Tayler: netiquette

Mitch: www.ning.com

Tayler: Netiquette, a portmanteau of "network etiquette", is the convention on electronic forums

Mitch: www.WestwoodSchools.ning.com

Beth Holmes: I am LOVING this! You students must be so proud of yourselves! Keep up the good work!

Mitch: Welcome to Chatzy, Beth

Casey: Thank you!

katie: thank you

Mitch: www.shifthappens.wikispaces.com

Beth Holmes: Thanks, Mitch, I REALLY needed the url!

Casey: by the way, there's no "www."

Mitch: my bad

katie: feel free to ask any questions

Tayler: that's what we're here for

Gillian: welcome! ask away...

Beth Holmes: Mitch, will you provide the link to your backchannel?

Tayler: The term digital divide refers to the gap between those people with effective access to digital and information technology, and those without access to it.

rp1000: Hi all

Casey: i've got it!

katie: hello!

Casey: <http://www.chatzy.com/492808953110>

Casey: welcome to our backchannel!

Mitch: Welcome to the Back Channel

katie: welcome

Casey: hello!

rp1000: what hand held device do you find most useful in the classroom

TC: hi

Casey: i use a regular old palm pilot most of the time.

Tayler: any qustions?

Casey: i bought it when i was a freshman because i have a hard time remembering things if i don't write them down!

katie: i used my ipod to calm down and listen to music during our HOURS of stress

Casey: that's a nice method too

rp1000: nice suggestion katie

Gillian: i love the google cell phone stuff...twitter. <http://twitter.com/>

katie: :)

Tayler: 1's and 0's

Tayler: that

Mitch: Cell Phones are being used for movie making which is one of my expertise

Casey: i hope to buy a palm treo or a blackberry before i go to college

Tayler: blackberry pearl is me

Gillian: hello

gmd: hello

rp1000: we are hoping to get pearls for our staff

A. Owens: hello

TC: ipod touch is cool

Mitch: I also love web cams

Casey: my friends have an ipod touch...it's amazing

Angie: Please ask her to go back over "Chatzy" I missed all of that. Is it free? I know she addressed this but she lost me a minute.

Angie: Thanks!

Casey: i think there's a similar touch phone out now from alltel

gmd: do any of you use a zune

Casey: i saw it yesterday

katie: i love the ipod touch...i want that one but i have a HOTPINK nano now!

katie: no...but they look really nice

Casey: i'm pretty sure chatzy is free...

Angie: I think she's going over it now.

missy: I use the Dash from TMobile and they have a good word mobile and ppt program

Gillian: thats cool....is it like the tmobile hotspot?

Casey: i google chatzy to see if it was free, and it said "chatzy is a free private chat room"

Mitch: Tayler is ahead of the game

vthomas: what was that last website for backchannel? I couldn't see it.

missy: it uses the hotspots but the word mobile can load it just about any document from your PC and u can start and new one on the phone. Neat as can be

TC: how do people with other languages communicate with y'all?

Mitch: <http://www.chatzy.com/492808953110>

katie: most of the people that communicate and work with us have English as a second language

Tayler: Netiquette, a portmanteau of "network etiquette", is the convention on electronic forums (Usenet, mailing lists, live chat, and Internet forums) to facilitate efficient interaction.

Gillian: @ vthomas: go to coolcatteacher.wikispaces.com; hyperlink under feb12; chatzy hyperlink

Casey: netiquette is, as the name suggests, etiquette on the net

vthomas: I mean the last website that was on the slide.

Mitch: well we will choose what language we will speak and it usually is english because most can translate it into English

Casey: i missed that slide! i'm sorry.

Gillian: @ vthomas: my bad...i missed the slide

missy: am i supp. to add with @ even now?

katie: no clue....

Casey: only if you have a question/answer to a specfic answer

Casey: person**

missy: thanks, casey!

Casey: you're welcome!

Gillian: @missy: only if u r directly talking to someone

Mitch: @missy I would you have to start some where

Casey: gillian is doing this correctly; i am not.

Gillian: thanks casey! u r doin great!

Casey: @gillian: thanks! you are too.

Trendmatcher: just entered the room from the Netehrlands. Where can I follow the live presentation?

Gillian: @casey: see there u go!

gmd: hi

tcnc: Hello!

TC: hi to Netherlands

rp1000: Hi to trendmatcher

katie: hi trendmatcher

Gillian: @trendmathcer: ms. vicki is not ustreaming now but she says she will later. sorry

bravesfan67: Hey Trendmatcher from the Netherlands

lynda: hello to trendmatcher

Mitch: @tredmatcher: Welcome

Casey: @trendmatcher: hi!

Gillian: @trendmatcher:

<http://coolcatteacher.wikispaces.com/Flattening+Classrooms%2C+Expanding+Minds%2C+Growing+Business>

Trendmatcher: what time is it where you people are?

missy: @Bienvenido, Trendmatcher!

Casey: @ trendmatcher: it is 9:45 a.m.

Gillian: @trendmatcher: 9:45

mulligan: welcome to columbus ga, trendmatcher

Trendmatcher: Thanks Gillian!

Casey: hi Mary!

Gillian: @trendmatcher: u r welcome.

TC: does vicki know anybody from france

Trendmatcher: it's 3:45 pm where I live

Casey: @TC: she knows people everywhere! it's very likely

Gillian: @ TC: i have no idea but it is likely

Casey: @trendmatcher: i bet it's a bit chillier where you are

katie: firefox is AMAZING!!!!!!

Tony: Might you link me to a page that lists for me the ten best uses of blogs in the classroom.

Casey: i can no longer use internet explorer because firefox has far surpassed it.

Trendmatcher: it's about 5 degrees Celcius, no idea what that is in Fahrenheit

Gillian: go with firefox: u will look more experienced online (even if u aren't)! this is always a good thing!

Casey: me either, but that sounds pretty cold.

Tony: One of the other wonderful things about Firefox is its ability to increase the size of the text more readily than IE.

Casey: @ Tony: mrs. vicki's blog probably has the information you need

<http://www.chatzy.com/492808953110>

Casey: sorry, wrong link

Casey: <http://coolcatteacher.blogspot.com/>

KJM: I hear about that book all of the time!!

Casey: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_World_is_Flat

katie: @tony: you can go here it has some of the uses:

http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/technology/uses_of_blogs_in_education.htm

Dr. Foster: can you enter backchannel with website given at school and home?

Mitch: @Tony <http://www.det.wa.edu.au/education/cmisis/eval/curriculum/ict/weblogs/> try this link

Casey: @ Dr. Foster: backchannel should be available wherever internet connection is

Gillian: @Tony: this looked interesting and informative:

http://www.pembinatrails.ca/program/technology/uses_of_blogs_in_education.htm

KJM: This chart makes my eyes cross

katie: hehe

Casey: it is overwhelming!

katie: i concur

Gillian: @KJM: ha ha

Mitch: I was apart of stroy and empathy

Dr. Foster: will coolcat continue to be the password

Casey: for today, i believe

Mitch: excuse me Story

Gillian: @ Dr Foster: yes for today

Tayler: i was innovation and invention, any questions?

Dr. Foster: thank you

Mitch: My groups page <http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com/The+Changing+Shape+of+Information>

katie: last year on the flat classroom project i was a part of the globalization and outsourcing group

Gillian: www.toondoo.com

Gillian: <http://www.toondoo.com/Home.toon>

katie: last year on the Horizon project i was the project manager of the mobile phones group

Casey: several people don't check their email for months!

Gillian: it is really hard!

katie: we had an incident where one person spoke NO ENGLISH

KJM: sadly this includes most of our educational "professionals"

Gillian: *when u are not able to communicate with partners

KJM: checking email that is

TC: what did she mean: can you hyperlink to your name?

bravesfan67: Is toondoo a free service?

Casey: @bravesfan: yes

Gillian: @ TC; like if she wanted to use a quote from u: could she hyperlink to u on the web?

Casey: we also had a big problem with plagiarism: copying and pasting

TC: meaning do I have a website?

Casey: @tc: yes, or some form of communication

Mitch: @TC that is Correct

Gillian: @TC: yep

Amy: This is way over my head

Tayler: that is called wiki wars

TC: or e-mail? or would it have to be different

Casey: no fear, amy! it will begin to sink in, i promise

Gillian: @TC; i dont think email would work...

Mitch: @Amy if you have any questiions feel free to ask

Gillian: @Amy: hang with us... and please ask questions!

Tayler: synchrinous-at the same time

Tayler: asynchrinous-occurring at different times

rp1000: What are some things you would do to get started or begin the projects

Gillian: The first project consisted of 2 classrooms

Casey: @rp: start small. get your students to make some wikis.

Tayler: e-mail is an example of asynchrinous

Casey: then, find someone like mrs. vicki who is openminded and ready to collaborate

KJM: these students will be able to run a corporation - this project management experience is invaluable!!

TC: @mitch or gillian

katie: @rp1000: we would start research!!! lots and lots of research!!!

TC: what are some other ways she could hyperlink to me

Mitch: @rp1000 We would begin by meeting our partners and then figure out how we want to set up our project

Tony: Comment: it is a good thing the "digital native" are learning to multi-task. Those of us who are immigrants sometime find it a challenge to listen, type, and navigate to various resources, alll at the same time.

Casey: @kjm: it is! i hope to go into business, and this has been a great opportunity.

Tayler: instant messaging is an example of synchrinous

gmd: what is a wiki?

Casey: @gmd: a wiki is a collaborative website that several people can be members of.

katie: @gmd: it is like a website that many people can collaborate together to work on

Gillian: @TC; the best would be a blog. also wiki and or web page

rp1000: Were you given a final outcome like jeopardy where you had the answer and had to identify the questions

gmd: thanks

Casey: @gmd: here are google's definitions:

<http://www.google.com/search?q=define%3A+wiki&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&cl>

TC: okay. thanks

Gillian: @TC: sure :)

Taylor: A wiki is software that allows users to create, edit, and link web pages easily. Wikis are often used to create collaborative websites and to power community websites.

katie: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wiki>

Casey: @rp: i don't believe i understand your question?

betty: we have connection projects in elementary classes, penpals, swap information. manny links to connect classrooms on Vicki's blog

rp1000: @casey how did you know what you and your partners were supposed to accomplish

Dr. Foster: thanks for defining wiki, the survey was a rude awakeneing, terminology was foreign

Amy: What exactly was your project?

Mitch: @gmd A wiki is software that allows users to create, edit, and link web pages easily. Wikis are often used to create collaborative websites and to power community websites this our Wikispaces<http://flatclassroomproject.wikispaces.com/The+Changing+Shape+of+Information>

KJM: sadly the reason much of it is foregin is due to the fact that it is BLOCKED in our schools!!

Casey: @rp: we had objectives, and we also read our designated sections of the world is flat (mine was virtual communication),and communicated with our partners

katie: @dr. foster: that reminds me of a game online...web 2.0 or star wars...it was funny how much i didnt know was now used on the internet!

Gillian: @Dr. Foster: hang with it. the terminology is pretty self explanitory...then again..

Casey: @rp: we then began to research and take baby steps, and eventually, it all came together

thoreauback: It sounds like each project must begin with a lot of "educating" participants with the technology -- do the students do a lot of this, peer teaching?

katie: <http://www.cerado.com/web20quiz.htm>

katie: this link is a quiz to test yourself over web 2.0

Mitch: @KJM You hit it right on the nail we need to be more open minded

katie: to see if you know what is what!

rp1000: @casey thank you....so basically you were participating in a book study of the different techniques used in the book

Casey: @everyone: this is the link to the 2006 flatclassroom project...if you're confused, just browse this around a little while, and see if it helps <http://flatclassroomproject2006.wikispaces.com/>

katie: i was in it!!!

Casey: it may help in understanding what our goals and methods were

katie: globalization and oustourcing!

Jackie: Does Vicki have this powerpoint on line somewhere?

Mitch: @thoreauback Well it would be a little of both Mrs. Vicki would give us a pre run and then we would just learn as we go

Gillian: @thoreauback: most times to learn new tech for a project; ms vicki will brief us -tell us how we r to use it and then we go and figure it out.

Casey: @jackie: i'm sure she will put it up

Jackie: Casey, Thanks

missy: if i wanted to start a project with my class all I do then is to log in to wikispaces and start one?

Dr. Foster: @gillianI am in a rural area where students sometimes never go farther than 30 miles in their entire life. High poverty and high teen age pregnancy

KJM: unrelated to ANYTHING - does ms vicki allow you to call her ms vicki at school

Casey: @ missy: they will have to become members first

Amy: What exactly was your project?Objective?

katie: yes...you can start an account and start a new page

bravesfan67: Is there a fee for Skype?

katie: no...it is free!

Mitch: @KJM yes we call her Mrs. Vicki

Casey: @amy: we analyzed technological trends and how they are affecting education and business

Casey: @braves: it is free, unless you want minutes to call landline phones, which you can do on skype

Gillian: @Dr. Foster: wow. have u gotten any ideas on how u might use any of this new tech to help w/ all of that?

Casey: t@braves: then it is a very small monthly fee

TC: can you skype - video, audio - over dsl connections

Mitch: @Tc I Believe so it just would be slower

missy: skype is free except if you are calling somewhere outside skype

missy: still cheap, though

KJM: Julie - do all of your kids have laptops? What are their standard technologies over there

Mitch: www.skype.com

katie: you can use skype to call...or video...or im

Casey: @braves: let's say you'r ein china on skype, and your friend is in california on skype, you would be able to talk (providing that there are internet connections) for free, instantly, as ina normal phone conversation

Angie: In order to use skype in the classroom -- and to allow students to see others in other countries, did you come back to school in the evenings? Or did students connect from home to have conversations on skype?

Casey: @angie: my partner would sometimes be on skype late at night (she used it similar to AIM), and i would be on early in the rmoning at school, and we could talk

Dr. Foster: @ Gillian we had 100% Failure on Georgia High School Exam 2006, this my first year; only two science teacher in high school;

katie: @angie: most of the time i was not able to connect to my group due to time, or the fact that they did not have skype

Mitch: You must be politcally correct at all times

Casey: @angie: the message boards were usually the most effective forms of communication

Dr. Foster: What is skype?

Casey: @ Dr.: skype is a free computer-to-computer telephone, IM, and video connection

Kim: @Dr Foster do you mind telling me which school you are at? I have had some great success--We went frfom 27% passing science to 69% in only 3 years

katie: skype is a free way to talk to people...by video...speaking...or iming

Casey: @foster: <http://skype.com/> it's free to download and use

Mitch: @Dr. Foster Skype is a type of communication on the computer through video, audio, and chating

katie: yes i had to stay some saturdays!!!

Dr. Foster: @casey thank you

Casey: you're welcome!

rp1000: Does Qatar really only have 2 tv stations

Gillian: @Dr. Foster: r u the headmaster?

Casey: i did have to come in on saturday to finish my video... i learned to get a head start on the next project.

vthomas: Isn't Westwood a private school? I think it may be more difficult to implement some of this with the "challenges" we have in public schools.

TC: what kind of internet connection do you have in Camilla at your school - T1 or faster? and at Quatar where Julie is?

Dr. Foster: no, classroom teacher of biology and study skills with our high science failure rate

Angie: If you have a smart phone, can you use skype on the cell phone so that you can have a video conference? Has anyone tried?

LJ: If one has skype and a webcam can you just begin to communicate? How do you find who is available?

Gillian: @rp: where did u hear that? i have no idea...although i highly doubt it. most pics that i have seen show that it is very metropolitan

Casey: @angie: i'm pretty sure most smart phones are skype comparable: i think some have even merged with some cell phones to provide services

rp1000: @Gillian I just found it on a website about qatar

Casey: @ angie: <http://www.skype.com/intl/en-gb/mobile/>

anna: can students in camilla bring in personal laptops? do you have access to wireless at your school there?

Gillian: @LJ: most definitely! a person has friends and their r icons that let u know their status

Casey: @anna: yes, we hav ea wifi connection at school that we can bring our laptops into

Mitch: @vthomas Yes we are a private school and in public schools it would most likely be a longer process with so many students

Cindy: how many languages does julie speak? A new one for each country?

LJ: I want to demo to a class. What should I do?

katie: @vthomas: we are private...but we had the help to get our technology to make our wikis and videos and classroom experiences from grants that mrs vicki applied for

vthomas: @Mitch: How many students are in your classroom with Mrs. Vicki?

Gillian: @vthomas: to add to mitch: u probably would also have to look into state tech restrictions and so on.

katie: @vthomas: but you could make your classes smaller or split them in to groups within the classrooms

Kim: Does Ms. Vicki have a list of some good grants to get started?

Casey: @vthomas: yes, it has to be difficult for public schools because we go to an extremely small, rural school, and it's a lot easier to have "bans" lifted

KJM: global collaborative projects

Gillian: @rp: nice...that is surprising to me that they only have 2. what website?

Mitch: @vthomas my whole class is about 24 students but our class is split into two groups of 12

Casey: @vthomas: mitch has 24 students...we have 13.

Angie: @Casey . . . thank you. This is interesting!

rp1000: @gillian <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0107901.html>

betty: @vthomas; yes, Westwood is a private school in a very rural area. Also, we donot have to gothrough multiple channels to make decisions. Basically vicki and I approve with the principal. Hopefully with low cost and doing this inthe regular classroom schedule, it can become mmore easily done.

Gillian: @cindy: no clue lets ask.

katie: questions for Ms. Julie please put a n @julie...

vthomas: @Mitch: How is the class split up? Do the students work on different things while in the same room.

katie: so we can ask her!

katie: FREE

Casey: @everyone: note the quality of the video as well, and she's in Qatar!

katie: we hear the noise during class and we all laugh

anna: @casey...thanks...interesting!

katie: most have NO CLUE what they are doing!!!

thoreauback: What is Ms. Davis's skype name or does she prefer not to share this?

Mitch: @vthomas we have a 7 period schedual and I am part of the 1st period and then the other half would come in at 7th period and work on the same project

Casey: @thoreau: i'll ask her

Dr. Foster: @Gillian, no I'm biology and study skills teacher with our high failure rate

betty: @Anna we are wireless and students are allowed to bring laptops under certain circumstances

Casey: Mrs. Vicki's skype name is coolcatteacher

Casey: If you cannot find her, simply skype search "vicki davis"

bravesfan67: Is there a "Yes, I can social studies?"

katie: <http://movies.atomiclearning.com/k12/home>

KJM: are we going to be able to access the record of this backchannel from her wiki

Gillian: @Dr. Foster: o ok.

Casey: @kjm: i think she mentioned putting it on her wiki

Casey: as a "transcript"

Angie: I am guessing you can have a conference call on skype . . . how many people can be on at once?

Gillian: @KJM: yes

Amy: I am a math teacher. Do you use this technology in your math classroom?

Casey: @angie: you can, but i cannot remember how many people

Casey: i know at least 5, probably more

Kim: Drfoster---if we can meet during the break I would love to share some science strategies with you

Gillian: @amy: not currently

Casey: @amy: not ours.

Mitch: @KJM yes she will put it on her wiki and you will be able to find it

Casey: @amy: but we do have a bit of an unconventional math teacher.

Gillian: @amy: i think it be really cool to do that though

JB: Michelle-have you been successful at integrating differentiated instruction into your curriculum?

Dr. Foster: @Kim I'm AA female in burgundy directly in center of room. I will raise my hand and note move

Casey: @amy: as mrs. vicki mentioned before, there are several youtube videos for math

Casey: i see you!

Mary B: Someone had told me that there was a cost for Skype. But it's really free, correct?

katie: corret

Casey: mary: correct, unless you call landline phones or cell phones

Mary B: You only need Internet access, a video camera and a microphone for Skype, correct?

katie: correct**

Casey: skype to skype is free, and skype to other phones is free for a certain percentage

Casey: for the IM, you only need internet access

Mary B: @ katie--Aaah, thanks.

katie: your welcome!!

Casey: @mary: but a mic and video camera are necessary for telephone

Tayler: im here for any questions

Sid: Not really, I had problems with my laptop and finally got connected.

Mitch: Welcome Sid

Sid: Thanks, you guys are doing some amazing things, what a great opportunity for each of you!

Tayler: thank you very much sid

Mitch: @Sid thank you Sid

Dr. Foster: @kim email cliquermf@yahoo.com

Tayler: chicka chicka yea

Tayler: this is an example of not having netiquette, saying things that do not need to be said in an important room

Mitch: You are so correct Tayler

Mitch: Digital Storytelling

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